IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Serial No.: 09/423,356

In re Application of:

Hideki KIRINO et al.

Filed: January 21, 2000

For: TRANSMISSION APPARATUS
AND TRANSMISSION METHOD

Confirmation No.: 6645

On Appeal from:

Group Art Unit: 2686

Examiner: Naghmeh Mehrpour

REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Appellants reply to the USPTO paper mailed June 13, 2005 as follows.

The paper contained a general statement that the Brief did not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c) or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order with no explanation of the alleged problems with the Brief on Appeal. It is noted for the record that the undersigned attempted since June 15, 2005 to determine what was wrong with the document. The undersigned also acknowledges the helpful discussion with the supervisory patent examiner at the end of the business day on July 12, 2005.

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During that discussion, the undersigned was informed that the person who reviewed the Brief on Appeal indicated that it did not contain the status of claims nor was there an evidence appendix submitted.

With respect to the first item, the Examiner is directed to Section III, Status of Claims appearing at pages 1 and 2 of the Brief on Appeal.

With respect to the second matter, no such appendix is believed appropriate here. Under an abundance of caution, enclosed herewith is a paper entitled Evidence Appendix with nothing attached thereto.

Consideration of the Brief on Appeal is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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